

## Lehi City Recreation

### Sports Policies

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**The following policies are not all inclusive and may be changed without notice.**

#### **Game Cancellation Policy:**

- Rain-outs are called when the condition of the playing fields become unplayable or dangerous and not just necessarily because of inclement weather. Weather from a previous day can cause fields to be unplayable.
- When inclement weather is present but the playing surfaces are still playable and not dangerous, games will be played. It is not unreasonable to expect games to be played during rain, snow, or cold as long as playing conditions are safe for that sport.
- Rain-outs will vary from sport-to-sport depending on the varying playing surfaces. For example, a baseball or softball game might be called long before a soccer or flag football game would be called because of the dirt infields versus the grass playing fields.
- The rain-out hotline will be updated no later than one hour prior to the start of the first game that day. The recreation sports staff will try to update the hotline as soon as bad weather is present even if games have not been cancelled. This way, patrons know we are watching the weather and they will know what time to call back for a final decision.
- Once we are inside of the one hour window (approximately) prior to the start of the first game, the rain-out hotline will not be changed. Any decisions after that time will be made at the field, and patrons will need to go to the field to learn of any changes. It is possible to have a game rain out one hour, and then the fields become playable for the next hour. Games can also be cancelled after they start, if conditions get worse.
- If the rain-out hotline is updated, the sports staff will inform the front desk at the Legacy Center of the change.

3 Different Messages that the Rain-Out Hotline will say:

1. If the Weather is Good and there appears to be no chance of games being cancelled:
  - a. The hotline will have a message that says, "Today is (say today's date). All games today will be played as scheduled. We will only update this message when cancelling games becomes a possibility."
2. If the Weather is Questionable with the possibility of games being cancelled:
  - a. The hotline will have a message that says, "Today is (say today's date). All games today will be played as scheduled. If fields become unplayable between now and (say the time one hour prior to the start of the first game), we will update this hotline. If games are cancelled after (say the time one hour prior to the start of the first game), this decision will be made down at the fields and will not be reflected on this hotline."
3. If the Games are Cancelled due to unplayable conditions:
  - a. The hotline will have a message that says, "Today is (say today's date). All games today are cancelled due unplayable conditions. You will be notified as to when the game will be rescheduled."

### **Playing Up/Down Policy:**

In keeping with the spirit of recreation sports, participants will be required to participate in their designated age group. This is defined by which grade the child is in school according to the current Alpine School District school year calendar. If the child is home schooled, we will go off of the grade that they would be in if they attended public school. The child must be in the grade during the season or otherwise specified during registration.

Playing up or playing down a grade or age group will not be allowed. The only exception to this rule is that if a kid has a medical condition (i.e. disability, handicap, etc.) which warrants him/her to play down in the appropriate age group. These will be dealt with on a case-by-case basis and must be approved by the Recreation Coordinator in advance before the child is registered.

Any participant, who is found to be playing up a league, may be suspended for the remainder of that season at a minimum and a maximum of a life-time ban.

### **Registered Players Only:**

All participants in Lehi City Recreation programs must be registered in that current program in-order to participate. Players are not allowed to participate unless they are registered, have a current sportsmanship card number and a signed waiver. Players are not allowed to be added to or switch to a different team except by the Recreation Staff. Players are only allowed to participate on one team during the season in the specific

league in which they are registered. Not following this policy is not fair to the properly registered participants and may possibly create a liability issue for Lehi City. Any coach, parent or participant found in violation of this policy will be suspended from Lehi City Recreation programs for a minimum of one year and a maximum of a life-time ban.

For programs with a post-season tournament, any team found in violation of this policy will forfeit all games in which any illegal player participated in. The Recreation Department reserves the right to check the identity of any player at any time.

### **Minimum Play Rule:**

Recreation Leagues: We have a 50% minimum play-time rule for all of our youth sports through 12<sup>th</sup> grade. Attending practices is not a requirement for meeting this rule. We strongly recommend that parents do everything possible to have their child attend practice. Missing practices may cause your child to miss-out on information pertaining to the specific sport which may, in cause, pose a safety risk to your child.

### **Post-Season Eligibility Rule:**

Eligible for Post-Season Participation: For youth and adult leagues that have a post-season tournament, participants must have played in a minimum of 50% of the regular season league games in-order to be eligible for post-season games. Any team playing with players who do not meet this requirement will forfeit all games which the player participated in.

### **Uniforms:**

Soccer: All outdoor soccer participants are required to have a reversible Lehi Soccer jersey. This jersey is an additional cost above the registration cost and may be used for more than one season. These jerseys are available for purchase at the Registration Office Monday-Friday (8am-6pm).

All Other Sports: We strongly request that names not be added to uniforms. This is most commonly put on the back of the uniform. Please do not purchase additional equipment for your individuals players to keep (i.e. baseball bats, jackets, hats, etc.).

### **Games Counted as a Complete Game:**

When a game is cut short and is not fully completed:

If the game is still in the first half and the half-time whistle hasn't been sounded, the game will be made-up at a later time which will be determined by the Lehi City Recreation staff.

If the half-time whistle has been sounded and later, the game will be considered a completed game and will not be made-up.

For games with no half-time if the game time is halfway or more completed according to the specified game time length, then that game will be counted as a complete game.

### **Coaches:**

Our sports programs are successful because of the help of our volunteer coaches. The expectation is that all of our coaches will exhibit good sportsmanship at all times. The Recreation Department reserves the right to eject, suspend, terminate, not invite back, prosecute or render any type of disciplinary action as deemed necessary due to inappropriate behavior, poor sportsmanship and/or for any other reason.

Due to liability reasons, coaches are not allowed to reschedule games on their own. All reschedule games will be scheduled by the Recreation Department.

Every coach is required to fill-out a Volunteer Application every 12 months. This gives us an opportunity to run a criminal background check on all of our coaches annually. We expect that coaches will also abide by the Code of Conduct stated on the Volunteer Application.

Coaches are encouraged to hold practices throughout the season. Practices are not required. We recommend that coaches hold 1 one hour practice per week. Coaches are welcome to hold more or less practices than what is recommended according to the coach's/team's wishes within reason. Practices, for the most part, are not scheduled by the Recreation Department and are determined by the coaches.

### **Players and Spectators:**

The Lehi Recreation Department reserves the right to eject, suspend, prosecute or render any type of disciplinary action as deemed necessary due to inappropriate behavior and/or poor sportsmanship or for any other reason.

### **Team Compilation:**

Leagues with NO DRAFT: During registration, participants have an opportunity to request one other player to be on the same team with them. Both the participant and the player who they wish to play with must request each other. No additional requests will be considered (this includes requesting a specific coach). Requests are simply a request and are never guaranteed under any circumstance! The only person who we

guarantee to be on the same team as your child is a sibling or siblings in the same league. If no request is indicated during registration, we will do our best to put your child on a team with kids who attend the same school. Participants who come off of the waiting list will be assigned to a team which has an opening. We will do our best to get them on a team with school mates, but the chances decrease tremendously if you are called off of the waiting list.

Leagues with a DRAFT: Requests are not accepted when it is a league with a draft. The only players guaranteed on the same team are siblings. Coaches draft in reverse order of the previous year's standings. If expansion teams are included, the expansion teams draft before all returning teams and are assigned at random as to which coach gets which expansion team and in which order they will draft. Each head coach is allowed to declare one assistant coach. The assistant coach's children are declared during the draft in-front of all of the coaches in that league. The assistant coach's child is only protected for the first two rounds of the draft. If they are not drafted by that team during the first two rounds, they are then available for any team to draft beginning in the 3<sup>rd</sup> round of the draft and are frozen to the team who declared the assistant coach's child for the next two rounds of the draft. If the assistant coach's child is returning to the team, but the assistant coach is not returning, the head coach may not declare and protect a different and new assistant coach for the draft purposes.

Only participants who attend the draft are eligible to be drafted by the coaches. All participants not in attendance at the draft are assigned at random by the Draft Administrator (Lehi City Recreation staff member). Players are assigned to the team that they are drafted on for the entire time that they are in that league. Switching teams year-to-year within the same league is not allowed. Players will participate in the draft on the years where they will be moving up to the next league. Participants who are called off of the waiting list after the draft will be assigned to teams according to draft order in the order in which they come in to register. Information regarding which team is next in draft order or how many people have already registered off of the waiting list will not be given. We will not go above the maximum number of players allowed on a team. This is to protect the integrity of the draft so that people can't pick which team they want to be on by coming off of the waiting list.

### **Sportsmanship Video:**

The majority of the Lehi Recreation youth sports programs require that a parent have a current sportsmanship certification. This is accomplished by one of the parents viewing a video and taking and passing a quiz.

This is to be completed before your child is registered for a program which requires it. If you have not completed this program, your child will not be placed on a team and will not be allowed to participate until this has been completed.

The Recreation Department reserves the right to suspend or revoke any parent's sportsmanship certification due to inappropriate actions, behavior, poor sportsmanship or for any other reason at anytime. This includes poor sportsmanship exhibited by your guests.

**Registration:**

Waiting List: We have a waiting list available for those who do not get registered during the open registration period. Participants who are called off of the waiting list are assigned to teams after teams have been put together. Having your name added to the waiting list does not guarantee that you will be called to come in and register. Once we reach the maximum number of players for the league, we will no longer call people off of the waiting list and add them to teams. Registration for those called off of the waiting list must be done in-person at the Registration Office (no online registration available after the Registration Deadline). Those called off of the waiting list will have until the close of the next business day to come in and register in-person (approximately 24 hours). Time extensions will not be considered. Participant's sportsmanship numbers must be current before the Registration Staff will be allowed to accept your registration. Extensions will not be considered for those who do not have a current sportsmanship number. The only way to guarantee that child will be placed on to a team is to register before the registration deadline date. In the past, people have had troubles getting their registration through on the website on the deadline day. We cannot be held responsible for registration issues online. A non-refundable \$10 late fee will be assessed to all late registrations.